

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION & POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DIRECT ELECTRIC HEATING OF A PIPELINE

as disclosed in:

International Patent Application No. PCT/NO2004/000177

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the specification of which was filed along with a preliminary amendment with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (U.S. Designated-Elected Office) on 16 December 2005 and has been given the U.S. Application Serial No. 10/561,151.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims and the drawings and as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

### FOREIGN APPLICATION AND/OR CLAIM FOR FOREIGN PRIORITY

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), of any foreign application(s) for patent, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| Prior Foreign Application No(s). | Country/ Authority | Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | Priority claimed? | Certified Copy Attached? |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 2003 2775                        | Norway             | 06/18/2003<br>(18 June 2003)     | YES               | NO                       |
| PCT/NO2004/000177                | PCT                | 06/17/2004<br>(17 June 2004)     | YES               | NO                       |

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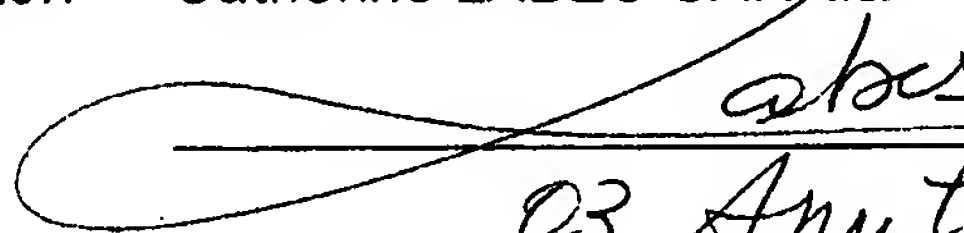
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